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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Deborah Secrest, Transferor  
and  
Robert Sorrentino, Transferee

Application Pursuant to Section 214 of the  
Communications Act of 1934 and  
Section 63.24 of the Commission's Rules for  
Consent to the Transfer of  
Horizon Telecom, Inc.  
from  
Deborah Secrest, Transferor  
to  
Robert Sorrentino, Transferee

File No. ITC/T/C-2005

and

Application Pursuant to Section 214 of the  
Communications Act of 1934 and  
Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules for  
Consent to the Transfer of  
of  
Horizon Telecom, Inc.  
from  
Deborah Secrest  
~  
Robert Sorrentino

WC Docket No. 04-\_\_\_\_\_

*Attention: International Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau*

**COMBINED/JOINT INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC  
APPLICATION FOR  
TRANSFER OF CONTROL**

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and  
sections 63.04 and 63.24 of the Commission's rules, this Application seeks Commission  
approval to transfer control of Horizon Telecom, Inc. ("Horizon") from Deborah Secrest

("Secrest") to Robert Sorrentino ("Sorrentino") (collectively referred to as "Applicants"). Horizon holds authority to provide domestic and international telecommunications services pursuant to section 214 of the Act.<sup>1</sup> The Agreement provides that Sorrentino will purchase all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Horizon from Secrest (the "Acquisition"). The Acquisition will therefore result in the change of ownership of Horizon from Secrest to Sorrentino, including control of Horizon's section 214 authorities.

Horizon is a provider of interstate, international and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services. The customers of Horizon will benefit from the resources and assets of Sorrentino, which will help ensure continuity of service and enhance the ability of Horizon to offer a broader range of innovative products and services to customers. The Acquisition will therefore serve to enhance the overall capacity of Horizon to compete in the marketplace and to provide telecommunications services for a greater number of consumers at competitive rates. Grant of this Application clearly will promote competition in the interstate and international long distance telecommunications markets and will serve the public interest.

#### **I. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.24**

This Application seeks authority to transfer the control of the common stock of Horizon, which holds authority pursuant to section 214 of the Act to provide domestic interstate and international telecommunications service, from Secrest to Sorrentino. Section 63.24(e)(2) of the Commission's rules requires that an application for a substantial transfer of control of a carrier

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<sup>1</sup> Horizon holds domestic and international authority pursuant to section 214 of the Act. Authority was granted in File No. ITC-214-20031009-00473.

holding international section 214 authority include the following information, as described in section 63.18:

- (a) The name, address and contact number of the transferor is:

Deborah Secrest  
3993 Howard Hughes Parkway  
Suite 250  
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109  
Telephone: (877) 539-7995  
Fax: (877) 539-7924

The name, address and contact number of the transferee is:

Robert Sorrentino  
651 High Street  
Burlington, New Jersey, 08016  
Telephone: (609) 387-8845  
Fax: (609) 387-8850

The name, address and contact number of the holder of section 214 authorities is:

Horizon Telecom, Inc.  
Attn: Deborah Secrest  
3993 Howard Hughes Parkway  
Suite 250  
  
Telephone: (877) 539-7995  
Fax: (877) 539-7924

- (b) Horizon Telecom, Inc. is a Nevada corporation.  
Secrest is a person of the full age of majority and a resident of Nevada.  
Sorrentino is a person of the full age of majority and a resident of New Jersey.
- (c) Correspondence concerning this Application should be addressed to:

Benjamin W. Bronston  
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- d) Horizon was granted authority in File No. ITC-214-20031009-00473.

Responses (e) through (g) are not applicable to this Application.

- (h) The following are the names, addresses, citizenship, and principal businesses of any person or entity that will directly or indirectly own at least ten percent of the equity of the applicants. There will be no interlocking directorates with any foreign carrier.

**Debbie Secrest**

Address: 3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV, 89109

Citizenship: United States

Principal Business: Telecommunications

Percent Ownership: Secrest owns 100% of the common stock of Horizon prior to the Acquisition

**Robert Sorrentino**

Address: 651 High Street, Burlington, New Jersey, 08016

Citizenship: United States

Principal Business: Telecommunications

Percent Ownership: Sorrentino will own 100% of the common stock of Horizon following the Acquisition

- (i) Applicants certify that they are not, and following the proposed transaction will not be, affiliated with any foreign carrier within the meaning of section 63.09(d) and (e).
- (j) The Applicants certify that they do not seek authority to provide service to any country described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 63.18(j).
- (k) Not applicable.
- (l) Not applicable.
- (m) Not applicable.
- (n) Applicants certify that they have not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier with respect to any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses market power on the foreign end of the route and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

- (o) Applicants certify that no party to the Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.
- (p) This international section 214 Application qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to section 63.12 because the applicants are not affiliated with any foreign carriers; are not affiliated with any dominant U.S. carriers whose international switched or private line services the applicant seeks authority to resell; and do not seek authority to provide switched basic services over private lines to a country for which the Commission has not previously authorized the provision of switched services over private lines. This Application therefore should be granted, pursuant to section 63.12(a), fourteen days after the date of public notice listing this Application as accepted for filing.

## **II. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.04**

This Application seeks Commission consent to transfer control of Horizon, which holds authority to provide domestic and international telecommunications services pursuant to section 214 of the Act. Pursuant to section 63.04(b) of the Commission's rules, the parties submit the following information in support of this Application in response to items 6 through 12 of section 63.04(a):

6) As set forth above, this Application seeks Commission consent to transfer control of Horizon from Secrest to Sorrentino. As a result of the transfer, Horizon will continue to operate and provide service pursuant to its current authority.

7) [intentionally omitted]

8) This Application qualifies for streamlined processing under section 63.03(b)(2)(I) because the transferee will have a market share in the interstate competitive telephone exchange services or exchange access services exclusively in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to the proposed transaction, and no party to this Application is dominant with respect to any service.

(9) The parties will file a slamming certification letter with the Commission, if necessary.

(10) Only standard streamlined processing of this domestic section 214 transfer of control application is sought pursuant to Section 63.03.

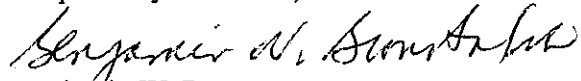
(11) No waiver requests are being filed in conjunction with the transaction.

(12) As discussed above, grant of this Application will strengthen Horizon as the post-transaction company will become a stronger competitor in the marketplace for interstate and international telecommunications services. The customers of Horizon will benefit from the Sorrentino's resources and assets, which will help ensure continuity of service and enhance the ability of Horizon to offer a broader range of innovative products and services to customers. Grant of this Application will promote competition in the domestic interexchange and international telecommunications markets and will serve the public interest.

### III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, this Application respectfully requests that the Commission consent to the transfer of control of Horizon from Secrest to Sorrentino.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATE OF FLORIDA

ORANGE COUNTY

**VERIFICATION**

I, Deborah Secrest, am the President of Horizon Telecom, Inc., as well as the owner of 100% of the stock of Horizon Telecom, Inc., and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements made in the foregoing Application are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters, which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

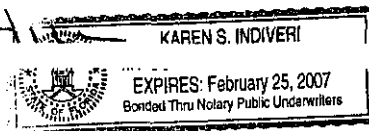


Deborah Secrest  
President, Horizon Telecom, Inc.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
Notary Public, in and for the State  
and County named above,  
this 6th day of December, 2005.



Notary Public



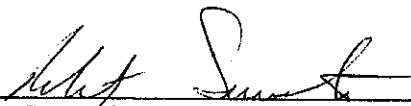
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

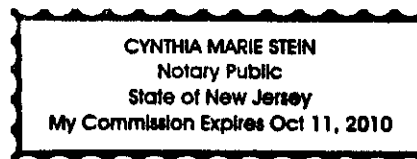
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

**VERIFICATION**

I, Robert Sorrentino, am the proposed Purchaser of 100% of the stock of Horizon Telecom Inc. The statements made in the foregoing Application are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

  
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Robert Sorrentino

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
Notary Public, in and for the State  
and County named above,  
this 7th day of December, 2005.



  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/11/2010